

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Public services- Irrigation & CAD Department- Sri K. Muralidhar, Executive Engineer, Godavari Head works division, Dowlaiswaram- Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991-Article of charges- Issued

IRRIGATION & CAD (SER.X.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1003

DT: 01.08.2008

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri K. Muralidhar, Executive Engineer, Godavari Head works division, Dowlaiswaram in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charges (Annexure-I) ,statement of imputations of misconduct and misbehavior (Annexure-II),a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III & IV)

3. Sri K. Muralidhar, Executive Engineer, Godavari Head works division, Dowlaiswaram is directed to appear before the Disciplinary authority i.e. Principal Secretary to Government I & CAD Department Room No.716 "J Block A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad on 18.08.2008 A.M. and submit a Written Statement of Defence and state whether he wants to be heard in person.

4. Sri K. Muralidhar, Executive Engineer, Godavari Head works division, Dowlaiswaram is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K. Muralidhar, Executive Engineer, Godavari Head works division, Dowlaiswaram is further informed that if he does not submit his Written Statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed basing on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri K.Muralidhar ,Executive Engineer, Godavari Head works division, Dowlaiswaram is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to take further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government., if any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter, it will be dealt within in these proceedings.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To

Sri K. Muralidhar, Executive Engineer, Godavari Head works division, Dowlaiswaram through the Engineer-in Chief, (Administration Wing) Hyderabad.

Coy to the Engineer-In-Chief (Admn. Wing) I&CAD Department, Hyderabad.

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ANNEXURE –I

DRAFT ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRIK. MURALIDHAR, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, GODVARI HEAD WORKS DIVISION, DOWLESWARAM

Sri K.Muralidhar, during his incumbency as Executive Engineer has violated APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and committed misconduct as mentioned in the following articles of charges:

Charge-I

That the said Sri K. Muralidhar, while functioning as Executive Engineer has deviated normal procedure and violated codal rules by repairing, submitting and sanction of estimates duly splitting the works unnecessarily and illogically to bring the estimates within the sanctioning power of the Executive Engineer for the following electrical works pertaining to Sri Arthur Cotton Barrage.

I. Estimates pertaining to the Replacing of the Electrical Bords on Eastern & Central Delta Head-sluiice

- (i) Emergent repairs and overhauling of Eastern Delta Sluice gates during emergency for the balance period of Khariff & Rabi seasons of SAC Barrage
- (ii) Emergent repairs and overhauling of Eastern Delta Sluice gates during emergency for the balance period of Khariff & Rabi seasons of Central Delta Sluice gates

II . Estimates pertaining to the restoration of damaged illumination on the four arms of the barrage including the embankments:

- (i) Emergent repairs and rectifications of damaged illumination on Maddur arm of SAC Barrage including embankment
- (ii) Emergent repairs and rectifications of damaged illumination on Rally arm
- (iii) Emergent repairs and rectifications of damaged illumination on Dowlaiswram dam

III. Estimates for the repairs/replacement of the panel boards on the hoist-bridges of the four arms of the sir Arthur cotton barrage.

- (i) Providing electrical panel boards on hoist bridge on Maddur Arm of S.A.C. Barriage.
- (ii) Providing electrical panel boards on hoist bridge on Rally arm
- (iii) Providing electrical panel boards on hoist bridge on Vijjeswaram arm
- (iv) Providing electrical panel boards on hoist bridge on Dowlaiswaram Arm

Charge-II

That during the aforesaid period and wile functioning in aforesaid office, the said Sri K. Muralidhar Executive Engineer has inflated the rates of individual components in each estimate and Cheap & duplicate parts were used in course of final execution of electrical works of the barrage. Sometimes part-bills were submitted for electrical works without even concluding any agreement with the contractor to do the work. The action of the Executive Engineer is in violation of codal rules which amounts to dereliction of duties amounting to misconduct.

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ANNEXURE-II
STATEMENT OF IMUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN
SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI
K.MURALIDHAR, EXECUTIVE EINGINEER GODAVARI HEAD WORKS DIVISION,
DOWLAISWARAM

Sri K. Muralidhar, while working as Executive Engineer has committed the following irregularities:

The following electrical works pertaining to Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage were unnecessarily and illogically split against the rules, to bring the estimates within the sanctioning power of the Executive Engineer, and to facilitate the inflation of rates of individual components in each estimate. Cheap and duplicate parts were used in course of final execution. Some times part-bills were submitted for electrical works without even concluding any agreement with the contractor to do the work.

ESTIMTES PERTAINING TO THE REPLCING OF THE ELECTRICAL BOARDS ON
EASTER & CENTRAL DELTA HEAD-SLUICES

DR.No.	Name of the work	Scope of work	Value
74/2006-07 (Recorded in M. Book No.304)	Emergent repairs and overhauling of Eastern Delta Sluice gates during emergency for the balance period of Khariff & Rabi seasons of S.A.C. Barriage.	Dismantling, repair and replacement of damaged parts, and overhauling of the gear-box of hoist equipment. Supply and fixing of new panel boards with specified components (notable of which are Siemens Sizell contractors)	Rs. 6.02 Quotations have been obtained from M/s Industrial Enterprises Agency Vijayawada. M/s Sri Gurudatta Electricals, Vijayawada and M/s Datta sai Agency, Vijayawada, for the purpose of preparing internal estimates. The work was shown to have been awarded in open-bidding to M/s Maruthi Ram Enterprises, Vijayawada.
75/2006-07 (Recorded in M. Book No.300)	-do- Cental Delta Sluice gates	-do-	Rs. 4.55 lakhs -do-

ESTIMATES PERTAINING TO THE RESTORATION OF DAMAGED ILLUMINATION
ON THE FOUR ARMS OF THE BARRAGEINCLUDING THE EMBANKMENTS:

76/2006-07 (M.Books No. 235 & 462)	Emergent repairs and rectifications of damaged illumination on Maddur arm of S.A.C. Barrage including embankment	Fixing of Sodium-Vapour lamp-filling lamps, cables, metal-junction boxes, copper-wire coil core-copper wire-cable, cable-jointing where required galvanized steel barbedwire, along with labour charges and earwork costs.	Rs. 9.90 lakhs. Quotations have been obtained from M/s Lalitha Electricals, Rajahmundry, M/s Bhargavi Electricals, Rajahmundry, and M/s Hanuman Electrical and Hardware, Rajahmundry, for the purpose of preparing internal estimates. The work was shown to have been awarded in open bidding to one M/s Maruthi Ram Enterprises, Vijayawada. Final bill stands paid.
78/2006-07 (-do- 464 & 461)	-do- on Rally arm	-do-	Rs. 9.95 lakhs -do-
79/2006-07 (-do- 306 & 463)	-do- on Vijeswaram arm	-do-	Rs. 9.90 lakhs -do-
77/2006-07 (-do- 51 & 460)	-do- Dowlaiswram arm	-do-	Rs. 9.90 lakhs -do-

ESTIMTES FOR THE REPAIRS /REPLCEMENT OF THE PANEL BOARDS ON THE HOIST-BRIDGES OF THE FOUR ARMS OF THE SIR ARTHUR COTTON BARRAGE.

DR.No.	Name of the work	Scope of work	Value
80/06-07 MB No. 457	Providing electrical panel boards on hoist bridge of Maddur Arm of S.A.C. Barriage	Supply and fixing of new panel boards, repairs to the existing panel boards, fixing of isolator switches, fixing of A.C.Air Break power connectors, fixing of bi-metal relay, power contractors, spare kits, solenoid coils, multimeter, clamp testing machine, flexible pipes, GI wire, fuses, indication lamps, micro switches, panel doors with lock emry papers, painting brushes, cotton insulation tape, sub-distribution boxes drilling machine, fuse panel mounting change-over switch, cable glands, fuse-fitting, lap assembling holders, etc.	Rs. 76.40 lakhs Quotations have been obtained from M/s Sri Vigneswara Engineering Works, Dowlaiswaram, M/s Chandan Electricals, Vijayawada, and M/s Sai Ravi Traders, Rajahmundry, for the purpose of preparing the the internal estimates. The contact was shown to have been awarded to M/s Devi Engg & constructions, Ambajipet, in open-bidding.
81/2006-07(M.Book No.456)	-do- Ralli Arm	-do-	Rs.720 lakhs -do-
82/2006-07 (M.Book No.455)	-do- Dowlaiswaram Arm	-do-	Rs. 9.96 lakhs -do-
83/2006-07 M.Book was not produced despite repeated demanding	-do- Vijjeswaram Arm	-do-	Rs. 8.10 lakhs -do-

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The Executive Engineer has failed to exercise his duties in proper supervision, measuring recording and check measuring and have violated codal rules and deviated normal procedure (i) by making multiple corrections and alternations in M. Books and failed to exercise proper entries in M. Books. Recordings in the M. Books were made in a very haphazard manner and Sequential recording was not done. (ii) by submitting estimates duly splitting the works unnecessarily and illogical to bring the estimates within the sanctioning power of the Executive Engineer and inflated the rates of individual components in each estimate and Cheap & duplicate parts were used in course of final execution of electrical works of the barrage. Sometimes part-bills were submitted for electrical works without even concluding any agreement with the contractor to do work. (iii) furnished the Status reports for following works without works being done and inflated and bogus expenditure figures are first being reported in the Status Report followed by ante-dated M. Book entries and work/Purchase orders in execution of the works.

The action of the Executive Engineer in violation of codal rules and deviated normal procedure by doing all the above.

The action of the Executive Engineer is in violation of Specifications/Codal Rules. Normal procedure and caused loss to the Government by inflated and bogus expenditure, Hence the officer has not performed his official duties and thus he has committed misconduct and violated APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED
AGAINST SRI K. MURALIDHAR, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, HEAD WORKS
DIVISION, DOWLAISWARAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

1. Sri N. Ranganatha, Journalist representation and its enclosures
2. Work orders, Purchase Orders, Status reports for the works
3. Estimates-DR Nos. 74/06-07 to 83/06-07
4. M.Books-51,235,300,304,306,455 to 457, 460 to 464, M.B. pertains to providing electrical panel boards on hoist bridge of Vijjeswaram Arm of S.A.C. Barrage and other relevant M.Books to these works.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED
AGAINST SRI K. MURALIDHAR, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, HEAD WORKS
DIVISION, DOWLAISWARAM ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Sri N Ranganatha, Journalist, 11-3-366/ 1&2/401, Prasanna Sai Enclave, Secunderabad.

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